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2003–2004 Annual Report



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Mission

To support, enhance, and collaborate in the instructional, research, and service activities of faculty members, students, staff members, and Broward County residents by acquiring, organizing, preserving, communicating, and making readily available collections of scholarly materials and other learning/recreational resources in all media and formats regardless of geographic location.

Vision

The NSU library system will become

- an international leader in the provision of library services for NSU students, faculty and staff members, and Broward County residents, regardless of geographic location
- a more integral part of the university's teaching, research, and service pursuits (locally and globally)
- a system that places high priority on staff development and multicultural diversity
- a collaborator and partner with various constituents in South Florida
- a more effective and efficient entity through the use of advanced telecommunications systems and modern technology
- a creative leader and committed steward in providing access to and retrieval of a rich array of information resources in traditional formats and via global information networks
- a more active player in the university's lifelong learning endeavor, including the provision of access to intellectual and informational resources for its alumni



community

NSU Family of Libraries

MAJOR LIBRARIES

- Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center, a joint-use facility with the Broward County Board of County Commissioners
- Health Professions Division Library
- Shepard Broad Law Center Law Library and Technology Center
- William S. Richardson Ocean Sciences Library
- University School Media Centers

BRANCH LIBRARIES

- East Campus
- Kingston, Jamaica
- Nassau, Bahamas
- North Miami Beach Campus

Libraries— In Partnership with Community



This past year, retired South Florida real estate developer, businessman, and philanthropist Alvin Sherman bestowed an extraordinary gift of \$7 million upon Nova Southeastern University. Clearly, Alvin Sherman's gift represents a belief in the value of education. And what greater recognition for his generosity could there be than to name the NSU Library, Research, and Information Technology Center in his honor?

Libraries are central to learning, research, and intellectual exploration. Moreover, the Alvin Sherman Library is a unique joint-use facility that serves the community as well as this great university. Established through a collaboration between NSU (a private university) and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (a public entity), the Alvin Sherman Library combines world-class academic resources and the services and collec-

tions of a local public library. The Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center serves the informational, cultural, and leisure-time needs of NSU's 23,500 on-campus and distance students and 2,460 faculty and administrative staff members, as well as 25,000 Broward County cardholders. To many more children, students, families, seniors, professionals, and business-people, the library has become a significant destination in South Florida's intellectual infrastructure.

Community support for libraries may come in many forms: through endowments, donations of private book collections and other materials, corporate underwriting, foundation grants, volunteerism, and such auxiliary groups as the Alvin Sherman Library *Circle of Friends*. NSU is privileged to enjoy support for its entire system of libraries, which includes libraries devoted to the field

of law, the health professions, and ocean sciences; media centers in the Lower and Upper schools of University School that serve grades K-12; and off-campus branches that enable distance students to access electronic resources and shelved collections.

Alvin Sherman and other benefactors whose names appear in the library annual report are to be honored for their gifts. Their support, and the support of many community members who have reached out to the library in some way, large or small, through monetary contributions or service, helps to ensure the perpetuation of a free library that offers universal access to information, programs, and the preservation of knowledge for the generations of today and tomorrow. There is no greater cause that libraries are proud to preserve than the freedom of information and unlimited opportunities for learning.



The 2003–2004 year will be remembered as a period when significant steps were taken and major events were initiated that improved quality in the Nova Southeastern University libraries. The library staff, for example, was enhanced with the addition of highly qualified individuals in new key positions. The NSU libraries have an uncommonly high number of staff members holding doctoral degrees.

Collections in all formats—print, electronic, and audiovisual—were expanded to meet the needs of Broward County residents and the NSU community. The application of new technology improved both the effectiveness and efficiency of library services.

During the year of this report, Alvin Sherman gave NSU one of its largest financial gifts. To honor this generosity, NSU named the joint-use

facility the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. I thank you! Donors from the community, like Alvin Sherman and Rose Miniaci, add the necessary margin of excellence to NSU's programs and services. Other donors are also noted in this publication. I extend my warmest gratitude for their contributions. Special thanks are extended to Ray Ferrero, Jr., NSU's president, for sharing his vision and enthusiasm concerning NSU's future with donors.

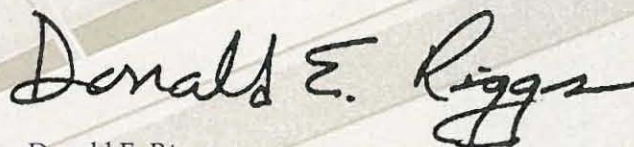
NSU libraries play a prominent role in the intellectual and cultural life of the community and the university. This year, through the leadership of Joseph Harbaugh, dean of the Shepard Broad Law Center, NSU and South Florida were afforded the opportunity to view rare legal documents and manuscripts from Spain, dating back to the 11th century.

Taking Steps Quality Improvement

Nora Quinlan, head of Reference Services in the Alvin Sherman Library, coordinated the *Forever Free* exhibit of Abraham Lincoln's journey to abolish slavery. Exhibits of this nature offer learning experiences that, in the past, were often only available by leaving Florida. By creating and hosting such exhibits and related programming, the NSU libraries offer intellectual and cultural treasures that enrich the quality of life for both Broward County residents and the NSU community.

The Alvin Sherman Library continues to receive global attention. It was featured on the front cover of the November 2003 issue of *Choice* (an international journal). Citizens throughout the world visit NSU to see how a library collaboration between a private university and a public entity works.

Gratitude and appreciation are extended to the Broward County Board of County Commissioners; the Broward County Libraries (especially library director Bob Cannon); the NSU Board of Trustees; NSU President Ray Ferrero, Jr.; NSU Executive Vice President for Administration George Hanbury II; NSU administrators; the Office of Information Technology; the NSU *Circle of Friends* (especially 2003–2004 President Mary Riedel); and all the donors for their support and encouragement as we continue the journey of quality improvement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald E. Riggs". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Donald E. Riggs
Vice President for Information Services
and University Librarian

Support

Major Community Partners



**Alvin Sherman
Library, Research,
and Information
Technology Center**

Long-time South
Florida real estate

developer and entrepreneur Alvin Sherman gave a landmark gift of \$7 million to NSU in 2003. In appreciation of his generosity, the NSU joint-use library, completed in 2001, now bears the name Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center. In making the gift to NSU, Sherman said, "This is my way of making a lasting contribution to education and giving something back to South Florida."



**Rose and Alfred
Miniaci Performing
Arts Center**

Rose Miniaci and her
late husband Alfred
met and married in

New York City in the 1940s. Born in Italy, the Miniacis were ever grateful

for the opportunity to pursue the "American Dream" of success, family, and community life. Blessed with these riches, they shared a philosophy of giving back to the country that gave them so much. Their ties to NSU include contributing to student scholarships through the NSU Gold Circle, providing support to the Health Professions Division, and especially, making a donation for the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center, named in their honor.



**Toni and August Paoli
Theater Lobby,
Rose and Alfred
Miniaci Performing
Arts Center**

A respected attorney and community leader, August Paoli has practiced law in Hollywood for more than 50 years, including 8 years as Hollywood's City Attorney. His career included appointment by the Supreme Court of Florida as chairman of the Florida Board of

Bar Examiners. He also served as president of the Broward County Bar Association and president of the Florida Council of Bar Association Presidents. Since 1975, Paoli has been a member of the NSU Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors of the Shepard Broad Law Center. He and his wife have played an integral part in the evolution of Nova Southeastern University.

Albert & Birdie Einstein Fund Reference Desk

Established in the 1960s by Albert and Birdie Einstein, of New York and Florida, the fund, since that time, has supported NSU programs and other institutions' worthy projects in education, the arts, and medicine. Long-time fund administrators Joyce Boyer, Neese Gardner, and Harold Satchell have been instrumental in carrying forth the Einsteins' determination to give to those in need, and to support individuals and institutions best positioned to serve their communities.



**Morton and Geraldine
Terry Atrium**

The late Morton
Terry, D.O., was the
founder and president
of Southeastern

College of Osteopathic Medicine, and then of Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, which merged in 1994 with Nova Southeastern University. During a career that spanned more than a half-century, he served as an officer of many community organizations and hospitals. Terry and his wife held other important leadership positions in health and charitable associations.



**Barry and Judy
Silverman
Foundation Lobby**

Barry J. Silverman,
M.D., is a board-
certified orthopedic

surgeon and well-known community leader. Silverman and his wife are active in many philanthropic and

health-based organizations whose efforts extend from South Florida to Washington and abroad. He has served as a member of the NSU Board of Trustees and the Board of Trustees of the Health Professions Division since 1996.



**Millicent and Robert Steele
Circulation Desk**

Millicent and Robert Steele have been active in the growth and development of NSU for many years. Now retired, Robert Steele developed and owned the largest Mack Truck distributorship in the United States, with service extending to South America. He is currently chairman of the NSU Board of Trustees. Millicent Steele has been a driving force behind scholarships raised by the NSU Gold Circle, as well as an active supporter of many cultural and charitable organizations throughout South Florida.

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Information Literacy Grant

Established in Miami in 1950, The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation is a private foundation independent of the Knight brothers' newspaper enterprises, which include the *Miami Herald*. The foundation is dedicated to furthering the brothers' ideals of service to community, the highest standards of journalistic excellence, and the defense of a free

press. In both their publishing and philanthropic undertakings, the Knight brothers shared a broad vision and uncommon devotion to the common welfare. It is those ideals, as well as their philanthropic interests, to which the foundation remains faithful.

***Sun-Sentinel*/WB39 Children's Fund, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation, Advanced Technology Grant**

A key value for the *Sun-Sentinel* Company is giving back to the community. It does this through programs of corporate support and sponsorship and by encouraging the involvement of its employees in community groups. A long-time friend of NSU, the *Sun-Sentinel* continues to be a generous benefactor for library programs. Through the *Sun-Sentinel*/WB39 Children's Fund, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation, the *Sun-Sentinel* Company awards grants of more than \$2.5 million annually, focusing support on programs that serve low-income children and families in South Florida.

SunTrust Bank, Inc. Conference Room

SunTrust Bank, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is one of the nation's largest commercial banking organizations. As of June 30, 2004, SunTrust had total assets of \$128.1 billion and total deposits of \$85.5 billion. The company operates primarily in Florida, Georgia, Maryland,

Tennessee, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, with selected markets nationally. SunTrust has a well-documented record of commitment to the community, including education, health and human services, culture and arts, and civic and community organizations.

Enterasys Networks, Inc. Electronic Classroom

Enterasys Networks, Inc., headquartered in Andover, Massachusetts, provides infrastructure solutions for enterprise-class customers. The company features networking hardware and software to deliver security, availability, and mobility solutions to the commercial, government, education, and health care markets. With more than 650 patents, Enterasys has provided secure "Networks that Know" to some of the world's most successful companies, including many of the Fortune 500. The company's foundation, considered its philanthropic arm, assists colleges in enhancing their technological capabilities to better access the Internet, make classroom presentations, and link to other network resources.

NSU recognizes the Broward County Board of County Commissioners for its long-term, significant contribution to the building and operations of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

The Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is deeply grateful to the following major contributors:

- Kathleen and Ronald Assaf
- BlueCross/BlueShield of Florida
- *Circle of Friends* for the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center
- Nan and James Farquhar
- Franklin Book Company, Inc.
- Gill Hotels
- Institute for Learning in Retirement—Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences
- Gail and Michael Kaplan
- Esther G. and Albert E. Kaufman Foundation
- Anita Paoli Kotler and Jon A. Kotler, M.D.
- Joel B. Munson
- Janice Revitz
- Jane and Donald Riggs
- Irving Weil Memorial Fund and Lois Deicke

The state of Florida—through the Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, and the Florida Arts Council—are recognized for their support of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center



The 21st century is surely fulfilling its destiny as the "Information Age." Access to communications technology and the World Wide Web are nearly as vital today as the basic staples of daily life—food, shelter, and security.

The bar on educational expectations is rising quickly as students and workers demand the resources to help them maximize their potential and compete for higher positions. Libraries and professional librarians are more important than ever in providing the tools and intellectual guidance that people need.

The Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center is a pivotal destination in South Florida, helping members of the university and the public at large to access and navigate intellectual resources. As a joint-use academic/public library, the Alvin Sherman Library offers a specialized academic environment, conducive to problem-solving, learning, creativity, and thinking. The community loves the college campus environment, the sheer beauty of the building,

and the interactive programs that promote family literacy and the pleasure of reading for all ages.

Since opening in December 2001, the Alvin Sherman Library has welcomed an increasing number of community patrons and visitors. Children and teens who come for academic support and technological help discover the friendliness and fun of the library. Individuals and families who come for a specific reason or program the first time are drawn back again and again.

Programs, such as Mother Goose Storytime, designed for young children and their parents, are oriented toward modeling family literacy behavior. Other programs—such as Books Over Biscotti, Jewish Book Review Series, author readings, and bilingual storytime—promote literacy and language growth; teach technical skills such as Word, Excel, and Web page design; offer personal growth and independent learning workshops; or are just plain fun.

community

For the utmost convenience to students, faculty members, and community patrons, the Sherman Library is open 100 hours weekly, including evenings and weekends. The library is also part of a 24-hour "Ask a Librarian" chat service that offers a professional librarian and technical support to solve research and/or computer navigation problems, and a reader's advisory for recreational reading. Librarians at the Alvin Sherman Library have earned a well-deserved reputation for being particularly responsive and knowledgeable in serving the needs of patrons—walk-ins, call-ins, and through emails.

NSU librarians are handpicked from the nation's most talented candidates. Their education is continually refreshed through regional, state, and national conferences and the library system's rigorous staff-development programs. In these programs, staffers are offered many opportunities for training as emerging library leaders. This aids them in taking their places in managing the libraries of the future.

california

Highlights of FY 2003–2004

- The number of free Alvin Sherman Library cards registered by Broward County residents neared the 25,000 mark.
- In October 2003, the Second Annual Faculty Reception hosted more than 200 faculty members and library staffers.
- In January 2004, the Library, Research, and Information Technology Center was named in honor of Alvin Sherman, philanthropist and retired South Florida real estate developer.
- Donald Riggs, vice president for information services and university librarian, chaired the Leadership Development Committee of Florida Libraries Association.
- NSU library staff members earned 4 out of 28 state ELSUN (Education of Librarians to Serve the Underserved) scholarship awards to attend the master's degree program in library science at the University of South Florida. The staff members are: Dinós Andreou, Anne Doten, Jennifer Isaacs, and Leonard Onyeonoro
- Donald Riggs and Johanna Tuñón served as the keynote speakers for a higher education conference on quality assessment in distance education in Taiwan.
- Two NSU librarians, Lori Albrizio and LeThesha Harris, participated in a nine-month library leadership program called the SEFLIN Sunseekers, which was adopted as a model for the state of Florida's library leadership program. Harriett MacDougall, director of the Alvin Sherman Library, was one of the mentors for a SEFLIN Sunseeker.
- *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation*, a traveling exhibit, was presented January–February 2004. Nora Quinlan, head of reference, coordinated a weighty schedule of children's programs, lectures, films, and faculty forums to complement the exhibit.
- The Shepard Broad Law Center, which offers a joint law degree with the University of Barcelona, presented a major exhibit under the leadership of Joseph Harbaugh, Law Center dean. This exhibit—entitled *Centuries of Commerce: Law, Trade, Spain and the Americas*—featured rare and rarely seen books and original documents from Spain, dating back to 1092. It was shown exclusively in the United States at the Alvin Sherman Library in March 2004.
- In spring 2004, a photographic exhibit, *The Oenology Expedition to Chile*, was displayed at the library. Organized by Barry Barker, professor at the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, the photos illuminated a student expedition to the vineyards of Chile as part of Barker's annual travel program to document the natural habitat, environment, and ecosystems of a developing country.
- Under the direction of Young Adult librarian Dante Tang, 60 teen volunteers donated more than 2,500 hours to help with weekly programs, summer program registration, and displays. Teen volunteers also coordinated food and toy drives for at-risk members of the community.
- Librarians Candace McKinniss, Ph.D., and LeThesha Harris helped to develop the library's potential as a regional center for poetry with programs for National Poetry Month and a forum for the Spoken Word Poetry Collection.
- In June 2004, more than 1,300 parents and children attended the opening day of the FLYP summer reading festival. That day alone, more than 350 children and teens signed up for the eight-week series of programs.

Health

Professions Division

Library



Around the globe and right here in our own neighborhoods, demand for health care professionals has never been greater. To meet those needs, NSU has made a strong commitment to programs in the Colleges of Allied Health and Nursing, Medical Sciences, Dental Medicine, Optometry, Osteopathic Medicine, and Pharmacy. In FY 2003–2004, the Health Professions Division Library served nearly 7,000 people, more than 5,000 of whom were primary HPD patrons, including students on campus and at distant sites, faculty and staff members, clinical adjuncts, and resident interns.

While designed to serve the university's needs, the HPD Library does much more. Staff members generously field requests from people in the community, many of whom are seniors seeking information about their family or personal health issues.

Students and faculty members in the health professions often spend countless hours on research projects. In addition to being well versed in scientific methodology, they must also excel in information-retrieval skills. At NSU, information-gathering, database naviga-

tion, and other research skills are presented by HPD librarians during new student and faculty orientations, as well as at requested in-classroom sessions. Library professionals provide information literacy skills that allow patrons to locate, evaluate, and use retrieved information independently.

With medical breakthroughs and protocols changing rapidly, the HPD Library continually monitors and evaluates both existing collections and databases and new ones. HPD librarians offer search strategies and helpful tips for fully using available and new materials. They are friendly, helpful, and reliable research allies dedicated to patron satisfaction.

Seven days a week, and most evenings, HPD librarians are readily accessible to assist patrons online, via telephone, or in person. Whether teaching research skills, helping to navigate the information highway, or honing in on specific topics, the HPD librarian's most important contribution is partnering with faculty members in preparing today's student as tomorrow's health care provider.

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Highlights of FY 2003–2004

- Reference desk service was expanded to meet the needs of patrons.
- The HPD Library received highest praise during the American Osteopathic Association accreditation visit in February 2004. Accreditation reviews were also written for the Colleges of Optometry and Dental Medicine and the Department of Nursing.
- The HPD Library created a virtual tour to familiarize patrons with the library's resources. Links were added to health-related databases and clinical guides, directories, and government sources.
- ExamMaster, an online United States Medical Licensing Examination preparation system, was purchased and is available for students via the HPD Library's home page.
- More than \$1.25 million was spent on the acquisition of health professions books, journals, online databases, and audiovisual media.
- Library operating hours were changed to more accurately reflect student needs, as recommended by the faculty and HPD Library Committee.

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Shepard Broad Law Center

Law Library and Technology Center



As a mandatory “wireless laptop computer” school, the Shepard Broad Law Center is committed to providing students and faculty members with skills that maximize access to cutting-edge information technology.

The Law Library and Technology Center is one of the first stops for new students and faculty members. With excellent service as its primary goal, the library offers the research and technological tools needed to attain a competitive edge. The library also maintains the law school’s orientation Web pages, including information to enhance day-to-day living in South Florida. The Law Library serves more than 1,000 students annually and provides orientation for 340 new students each year.

The library staff members communicate with faculty members through monthly publications and with students through quarterly newsletters, keeping patrons current with database updates and recent acquisitions.

Recently, the Law Library introduced <http://nsulaw.typepad.com/novallawcity>, a shortcut to legal research and blogs.

When the Shepard Broad Law Center introduced a dual-degree law program with the University of Barcelona, enabling NSU students to practice law in the European Union and the United States, the library undertook development of a comprehensive international law reference and resource collection. While still in the early stage, this collection is designed to support the research, teaching, and scholarship needs of both faculty members and students.

In support of NSU’s international focus, special activities in fiscal year 2003–2004 included the exhibit *Centuries of Commerce: Law, Trade, Spain and the Americas*. Rare historical documents and other materials from the Barcelona Law Association were on exhibit at the Alvin Sherman Library for one month. Law school librarians

Technology

translated various related materials from Spanish to English and conducted special tours of the exhibit.

The Law Library also hosted a 200-volume collection of Jewish law books from the Touro Law School. The collection included information on Jewish legal and ethical traditions, Talmudic teachings, and other aspects of Jewish law as they pertained to the American justice system.

Through electronic resources, print collections, legal research guidance, personal research assistance, and orientations, the Law Library staff continues to provide outstanding service and responsiveness to all its constituents.

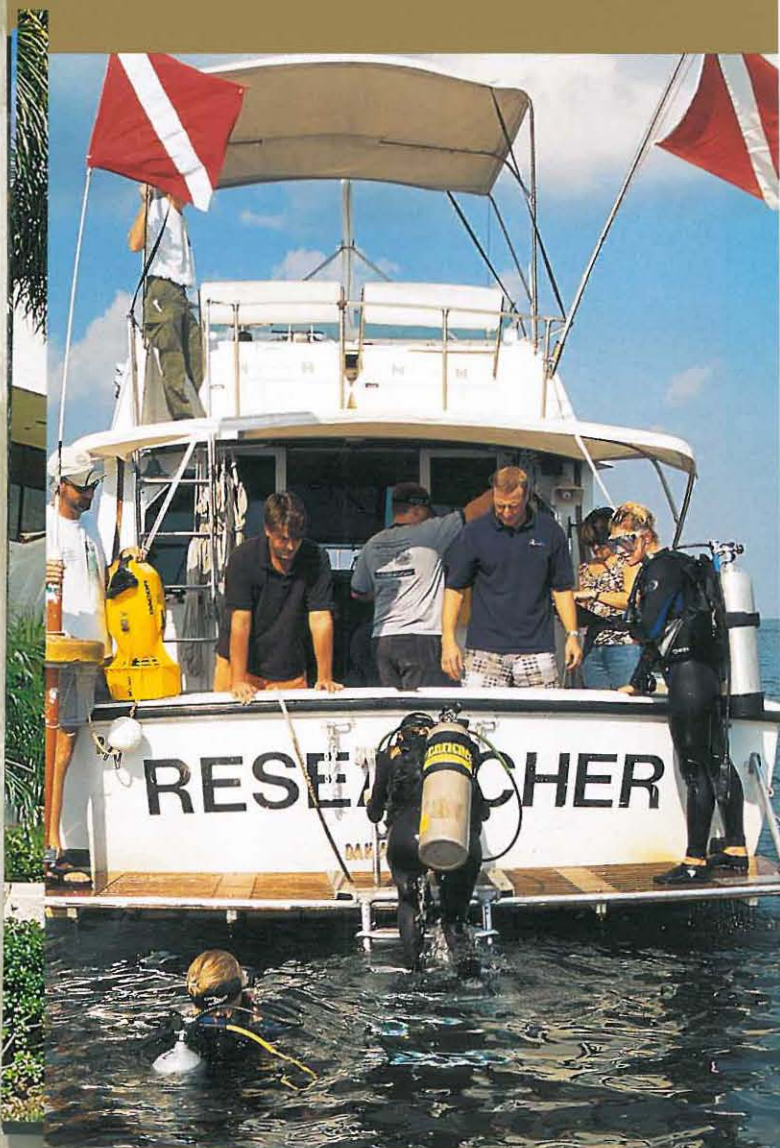


Highlights of FY 2003–2004

- Lisa Smith-Butler was promoted to director of the Law Library and Technology Center.
- Roy Balleste was named associate law library director. His article, "Blogs in Law Libraries: Web Logs Offer an Electronic Alternative to Journals and Newsletters," was published in the May 2004 issue of *AALL Spectrum* magazine. His paper, "Law Libraries 2.0: AI-Based Agents, Predictions, Decisions and Design," was selected by the AALL Call for Papers Committee as the best paper in the New Member Division.
- Sahsha Andrade was named circulation manager.
- Jason Rosenberg received his master of business administration from NSU. He presented at the fifth Biennial Meeting of the Organization of Commonwealth Caribbean Bar Associations in Barbados.
- Yvette Davis-Lowe received a master of science in guidance and counseling from NSU.
- Mary Paige Smith was elected vice chair of SEFLIN's Technical Discussion Group. She was recognized for 10 years of service at NSU.
- Stephen Sobchak and Carol Yecies were both recognized for five years of service at NSU. Yecies, head of information services, received her master of science degree in management information systems from the NSU Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences.
- Melanie Putnam's article, "Around the Legal Webs," was published in the December 2003 issue of *Internet Law Research*.

William S. Richardson

Ocean Sciences Library



The world's oceans and freshwater resources are increasingly challenged by pollution and global population growth. Likewise, encroaching urban development, storm damage, and natural erosion threaten coastal areas in Florida and elsewhere. At the William S. Richardson Ocean Sciences Library, NSU students and faculty members find the resources they need to study these threats to our natural waters and protect the flora and fauna that call them home.

Students at the NSU Oceanographic Center do much of their learning in the field, but the preparation for their experiments and analysis of the results often call for a combination of costly and hard-to-find resources. With 100 journal subscriptions and more than 3,000 books and monographs, as well as Internet resources, the Richardson Library is well equipped to satisfy the research needs in all disciplines of marine and aquatic sciences. The library's convenient location at the entrance to Port Everglades brings these mate-

rials close to the area where much student and faculty field work is done, the Florida coast.

In FY 2003–2004, library resources guided students and faculty members in a number of important oceanographic studies and projects. Among these ventures were the ongoing research on corals and coral reefs; participation in a four-year observation concerning the coastal circulation on the shelf of Southeast Florida; habitats, strandings, trackings, and pathology of marine mammals; and so much more from microscopic to mammoth-size life.

From sea life to environmental issues, the Oceanographic Center provides abundant field opportunities for students, faculty members, and visiting scientists. And when these explorers need to reference the collective body of marine studies from experts around the globe, the William S. Richardson Ocean Sciences Library can pilot them along the clearest channels.

research



University School

Library Media Centers



From the outset, Nova Southeastern University was envisioned to provide unique learning opportunities for the entire community, from the cradle to the rocking chair. One of NSU's distinguishing facets is the inclusion of the prestigious University School, a not-for-profit independent school that provides the younger generation of patrons with a progressive, stimulating educational environment.

Consisting of grades prekindergarten through 12, the University School is served by Library Media Centers at the Lower and Upper schools. These facilities strive to ensure that students and teachers become effective users of ideas and information from a wide variety of print and multimedia resources. Students are offered a mixture of appropriate materials that correlate with their curriculum.

Reading carries a strong emphasis here and is encouraged in students not only for learning, but for pleasure as well. The Library Media Centers' main focus is to bring comprehensive information literacy instruction to both the faculty members and the students of the University School. This effort is a result of

continued collaboration between the University School and the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center.

Serving approximately 1,570 students, the Library Media Centers boast a combined book collection of more than 30,000 volumes, plus educational videos, DVDs, CD-ROMs, audio-cassettes, multimedia kits, and video laser discs. The Lower School circulates more than 25,000 titles per school year. Borrowing privileges are provided to all students, their parents, and faculty members. An online public access catalog and several online databases are also available, in addition to the NSU public catalog. Clearly, the goal is to provide University School students with access to library resources unmatched by any other secondary level school.

Each year the Lower School offers students a themed summer reading program; two book fairs; the annual Read-A-Thon technology fund-raiser, Reading Counts; and the Battle of the Books competition to recognize the school's most prolific readers.

The Lower School Media Center sponsors WUTV, a closed-circuit television station that broadcasts a live news show each morning.

The Upper School Library Media Center was recently selected as the set for the filming of a major movie: *Blame it on Gravity* starring Sean Astin. This year, the Upper School Library received a Projects in Education (PIE) grant, allowing for the development of a special collection of books about technology applications.

In FY 2003–2004, thanks to funds provided by donors, the Middle School acquired a separate facility in the building that was formerly the Baudhuin Oral School. Plans are now underway to make a separate library media center for grades 6–8 with professional staff who will offer students library and information skills and literature enrichment specific to their age and grade. The gift of a library is the gift of literacy—a joy that lasts a lifetime.



opportunity



generosity

Circle of Friends

For the past five years, the NSU Library *Circle of Friends* has been lending a generous and helping hand to the Alvin Sherman Library by

- promoting awareness
- funding special exhibits, programs, and collections
- encouraging membership and community partnerships
- providing support and cooperation

Now, at the close of FY 2003–2004, membership has reached nearly 200. With more members and greater contributions than ever before, the *Circle of Friends* enables the Alvin Sherman Library to host a larger variety of services for the academic and public communities it serves.

Since its inception, the *Circle of Friends* has endeavored to contribute an annual gift to the Alvin Sherman Library. This year, the gift took the form of \$34,000 committed toward the purchase of an art glass installation by the internationally known Seattle artist Dale Chihuly.

Highlights of the events and activities of the *Circle of Friends* this past year included

- Support and promotion of the Ann Storck Center's Fine Arts Exhibit; the opening reception in the Terry Atrium in November 2003 featured 32 original paintings by participants in the Center's Expressive Arts Program
- As a Thanksgiving 2003 thank-you, the *Circle of Friends* delivered chocolate truffles

to staff members of the Alvin Sherman Library. The truffles were a token of appreciation for all that they do in service to the library and to wish them a sweet holiday season.

- In January 2004, *Circle of Friends* hosted a special reception and a "state of the university" address with NSU Executive Vice President for Administration George Hanbury II, followed by a guided tour of the exhibit, *Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey Toward Emancipation*.
- In March 2004, the *Circle of Friends* partnered with Joseph Harbaugh, dean of the Shepard Broad Law Center, to host the opening ceremony and reception for the exhibit, *Centuries of Commerce: Law,*

Trade, Spain and the Americas, from the Barcelona Bar Association. More than 300 guests from the area's business, legal, and diplomatic communities attended this tri-county event.

- Also in March, as part of the BYBLOS' Day of Literary Lectures (sponsored by the Broward Public Library Foundation, NSU, and the *Sun-Sentinel*) held annually at the Alvin Sherman Library, the *Circle of Friends* hosted a *Friends*-only author breakfast with novelist Sena Jeter Naslund.
- In April 2004, *Circle of Friends* members were invited to an author lunch with novelist and physician Gary Birken, M.D., sponsored by the Broward Public Library Foundation and held on the NSU campus.

- The *Circle of Friends* hosted and cosponsored with The Donors Forum of South Florida and the *Sun-Sentinel* a program and reception for members of nonprofit organizations and community leaders. The speaker was Will Ray, spokesman from The Scripps Research Institute, which is planning a major South Florida facility.
- The fifth annual meeting of the *Circle of Friends* was held in May 2004 and included a presentation by Joanna Sikes from the Chihuly Studio on the history and evolution of studio glass. The event recognized outgoing president Mary Riedel; incoming president Silvia Flores, M.D.; retiring board members Peter Palin and Sally Robbins; and newly elected board members

Arlene Pecora, Sheldon Polish, and Cyril "Sid" Spiro.

- During the year, *Circle of Friends* members received invitations for, or special notice of, NSU events such as NSU Forum Lectures, art and historical exhibitions, and "Family Friday" theatrical presentations and a chamber music series featured at the Rose and Alfred Miniaci Performing Arts Center.
- Three issues of *Tidings*, the library newsletter, were published. With a circulation of 5,000, *Tidings* updates the community and *Circle of Friends* members on timely aspects of the Alvin Sherman and other NSU libraries.

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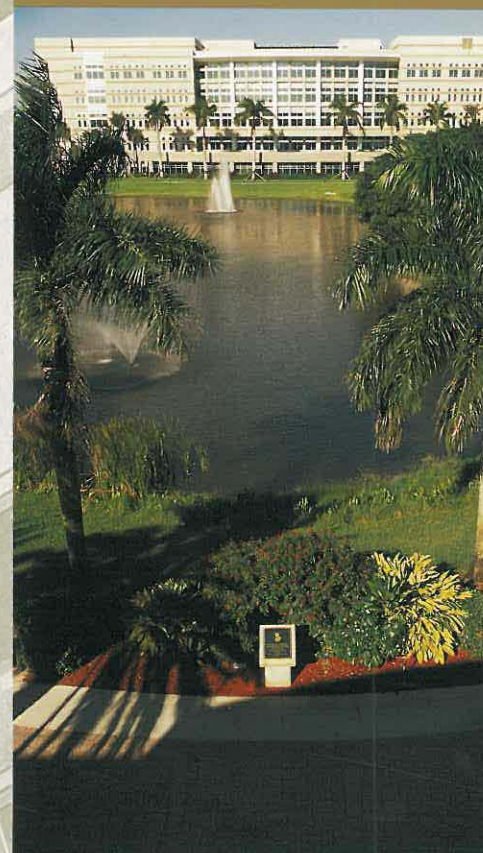
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